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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA. (S)

ON JULY 14, 1976, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY

INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

DURING THE PERIOD JULY 11-12, 1976, AAIS UNITS IN JOINT OPERATIONS WITH THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE AND THE CORDOBA PROVINCIAL POLICE, DISCOVERED ^{with the} TWO IMPORTANT PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, PRINTING FACILITIES IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE AND CORDOBA PROVINCE. (S)

ARG. THE AAIS BELIEVES THAT THE ERP HAS BEEN SO BADLY MAULED BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL PROBABLY TURN TO THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. (S)

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AS AN INDICATION OF SECURITY FORCES' SUCCESS OVER THE ERP, THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION (SIDE), RECENTLY ^{DETAINED} ~~DETAINED~~ ¹⁹⁷⁶ TWO OF MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO'S BROTHERS, AND CAME VERY CLOSE. (S)

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TO PICKING UP SANTUCHO, HIMSELF. IT IS NOTED THAT ROBERTO MARIO
SANTUCHO IS THE LEGENDARY LEADER OF THE ERP. ~~(S)~~

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SUBJECT: EXPANDED PAROLE AUTHORITY FOR CHILEAN AND OTHER
REFUGEES

GENEVA PLEASE PASS TO WILSON, D/HA

1. ON JULY 21 SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SENT THE
FOLLOWING LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI: QUOTE:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RECEIVED AN URGENT APPEAL
FROM THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
(UNHCR) TO JOIN THIRTY-THREE OTHER COUNTRIES IN PROVIDING
RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME 1,000 REFUGEES IN

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ARGENTINA WHO ARE PART OF THE ESTIMATED 15,000 CHILEAN,
URUGUAYAN AND BOLIVIAN REFUGEES IN THAT COUNTRY. THE
GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAS ALSO FORMALLY REQUESTED THE
UNITED STATES AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES TO ASSIST IN
THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN ITS TERRITORY.

WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE UNHCR'S APPEAL AND, WHILE
WE WOULD LOOK TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA
(AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST WITH RESPECT TO THOSE IN CHILE),

WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST AMERICAN TRADITION AND
CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS ON HUMAN
RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES TO ADMIT A MODEST NUMBER
OF THESE REFUGEES WHO ARE FOUND ELIGIBLE IN THE CONTEXT
OF SECTION 212 OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION ACT.

THE REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA ARE IN A PARTICULARLY GRAVE SITUATION. MANY OF THE GROUP WE WISH TO ASSIST HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF KIDNAPPING, TORTURE, AND MURDER. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND ITS SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE VIOLENT AND CHAOTIC SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY, AND THE REFUGEES INCLUDE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL OPINIONS OR BACKGROUND.

IN CHILE, THERE REMAIN A SMALL NUMBER OF DETAINEES WHO FACE INDEFINITE CONFINEMENT UNDER CONDITIONS THAT RANGE FROM HARSH TO APPALLING, AS WELL AS FORMER DETAINEES WHO REMAIN IN FEAR OF PERSECUTION FOR THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS. TO ABRUPTLY HALT OUR PRESENT PROGRAM WOULD LEAVE US IN LIGHT OF PRESENT LAW WITHOUT A CONTINUING CAPABILITY TO ASSIST IN THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN CHILE AND WOULD LEAVE THESE PERSONS WITH LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF RELIEF.

ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE THAT THE PRESENT CHILE PAROLE PROGRAM BE EXPANDED TO ENABLE US TO ACCEPT, FROM ARGENTINA AND FROM CHILE, UP TO TWO HUNDRED ADDITIONAL REFUGEES PLUS THEIR DEPENDENTS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT ABOUT HALF OF THESE WOULD BE FROM THE THREATENED COMMUNITY OF

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CHILEAN, URUGUAYAN, AND BOLIVIAN REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA, AND THE REMAINING HALF WOULD BE DETAINEES AND FORMER DETAINEES IN CHILE. WE DO NOT, OF COURSE, PROPOSE THAT WE ACCEPT ANY PERSONS WHO ARE COMMUNISTS, TERRORISTS, OR OTHERWISE INELIGIBLE UNDER THE LAW OR WHO MAY BE SEEKING RELIEF FROM ECONOMIC DISTRESS RATHER THAN POLITICAL PERSECUTION. INDIVIDUAL CASES WOULD BE REFERRED, AS IN THE PAST, BY THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES -- INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) IN CHILE AND UNHCR IN ARGENTINA.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSAL TO USE THE PAROLE AUTHORITY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IS IMPORTANT TO THE FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE IT EARLY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.
UNQUOTE.

2. FOR POSTS' INFORMATION, WE ARE NOT NOW PUBLICIZING LETTER OR RELEASING ITS TEXT. WE ARE, HOWEVER, INFORMALLY INDICATING TO APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES

THAT A RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN MADE. TEXT IS PROVIDED HERE FOR POSTS' INFORMATION ONLY. KISSINGER